GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4530
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RELIEF PACKAGE TO DISPLACED FAMILIES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of families in the border areas were displaced due to military built up along LoC/International Border after December, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any relief package for such displaced families;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the expenditure incurred so far thereon;

(f) the number of families benefited therefrom;

(g) whether all the displaced families have returned to their homes;

(h) if not, the number of families/persons yet to return to their homes; and

(i) the steps taken to shift them to their respective homes?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (i): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO
(i) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4530 FOR 25.8.2005

During the Kargil conflict 1999 and the military build up since December 2001, 35756 families were displaced due to cross-border firing on the Line of Control/International Border in Jammu region.

Relief in accordance with the norms sanctioned by the Government of India has been given to the border migrants as detailed below:

- Cash assistance at the rate of Rs. 400/- per head subject to a maximum ceiling of Rs. 1600/- per family per month.
- Free ration at the rate of 11 Kilograms (Kgs.). Of this 9 Kgs. Atta, 2 Kgs. Rice per head/per month.
- Fodder at the rate of Rs. 300/- per family/per month.
- Kerosene Oil at the rate of 10 liters per family/per month.

An amount of Rs. 11 crores has been released for the repairs/reconstruction of the damaged houses at the following rates in favour of affected families:-

Pucca fully damaged House	Rs. 40,000/-
Pucca partially damaged House	Rs. 20,000/-
Kacha fully damaged House	Rs. 25,000/-
Kacha partially damaged House	Rs. 15,000/-

A sum of Rs. 113.315 crore has so far been reimbursed under Security Related Expenditure to the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) towards providing relief to the Border Migrants. All those displaced have benefited from the relief package.

As intimated by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, all migrant families except 600 families of Akhnoor Tehsil of Jammu district have returned to their houses. Out of those migrated, 541 families from Balakote area of Poonch district, have been rehabilitated at safer locations by incurring an expenditure of Rs. 7.00 crores. A proposal of the Government of J&K for rehabilitation of 6072 families of Akhnoor Tehsil of Jammu District, which includes 600 families, who are still staying in camps, has also been approved at an expenditure of Rs. 59.18 crores.